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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: VOA TREATMENT OF INDIAN EMERGENCY

REF: NEW DELHI 11016

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH USIA ON VOA'S AUGUST 13  
TREATMENT OF EVENTS IN INDIA. YOU WILL ALREADY HAVE  
RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM ACTING DIRECTOR KOPP ACKNOWLEDGING THAT TREATMENT OF THE INDIAN SCENE ON THE DAY YOU  
CITED COULD BE FAULTED.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT COMMENTARY  
ON INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS BY U.S. NEWS MEDIA HAS BEEN HEAVY  
AND LARGELY NEGATIVE AND THAT VOA BELIEVES IT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN ITS CREDIBILITY BY ADEQUATELY REFLECTING  
OPINION IN THE U.S. IN ANY CASE, HOWEVER, YOUR MESSAGE  
WILL HELP TO ENSURE THAT HEAVY-HANDEDNESS, HOWEVER UNINTENTIONAL, IN VOA BROADCASTS TO INDIA IS AVOIDED IN  
THE FUTURE.

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3. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED HAVING YOUR VIEWS. SISCO

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